

# **Fiscal Services Division**

## **Legislative Services Agency**

### **Fiscal Note**

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SF 428 - Pets, Natural Disaster Emergency Plan (LSB 1560 SV)  
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#### **Description**

Senate File 428 creates a State Support Animal Rescue Plan which outlines procedures for evacuating, transporting, or sheltering animals during an emergency situation. This includes the establishment of an identification system that provides the necessary information for owners to locate their pets after an emergency.

#### **Background**

This Bill addresses the federal Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006, that specifies that state and local emergency plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals. The federal law requires states to present the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with evacuation plans that include the removal of pets.

#### **Assumptions**

- The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will be delegated to implement a disaster plan for animals in cooperation with County Emergency Management Coordinators.
- It is assumed that the Department will need an additional 1.00 FTE at a cost of \$103,000 for FY 2008 and with an annual salary increase of 4.50% for each year after.
- The estimated annual cost to the Department for administrative support is \$5,000 and for equipment is \$2,000.
- The estimated annual costs per county include \$2,000 per year for training and related expense, \$500 per year for administrative support, and \$2,000 per year for equipment or \$4,500 per county per year for a total cost of \$446,000.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of SF 428 is an estimated increase of General Fund expenditures to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship of \$109,000 and 1.00 FTE position in FY 2008 and for each year after that, there would be an increase in salary expense and potentially some travel expense.

The fiscal impact of SF 428 is an annual increase of General Fund expenditures of \$446,000 for implementation by the counties.

#### **Source**

Department of Public Defense, Emergency Management

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